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ABSTRACT

This book is a guide to parenting in an increasingly multicultural world. Combining stories, research findings, and analysis, it provides a contemporary snapshot of the range of multicultural experiences. The book offers parents the tools to instill in their children an appreciation of their multicultural heritage, while adequately preparing them for the difficulties that their monoracial peers may not experience. Dialogues and sample scripts show parents how to respond appropriately and knowledgeably to their children at every stage of their development and teach children how to gracefully respond to insensitive comments from peers and strangers. The book also provides examples of the many ways that parents can guide their multiracial children toward an unflappable sense of self, as well as bring culture to the daily lives of children. Six chapters include: (1) "'Does Anybody Else Look Like Me?' The Preschool Years"; (2) "'Who Do I Match--Mom or Dad or Anyone?' Moving from Preschool into Grade School"; (3) "'What Do I Do When Friends Say Hurtful Things?' Navigating Friendships in the Middle Childhood Years"; (4) "Facing the 'What are You?' Question: Moving through the Turmoil of Adolescence"; (5) "The Big Picture: My Community, My School, My Culture"; and (6) "A New Multiracial Generation in America." Includes a list of recommended reading for children and teenagers. (Chapters contain endnotes; the book includes an index.) (SM)

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